

Table 55. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Characteristics | All operators ¹ | Principal operator | Second operator | Third operator |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Operators number | 68,740 | 45,071 | 20,994 | 2,675 |
| Sex of operator: | | | | |
| Male | 46,512 | 39,586 | 5,281 | 1,645 |
| Spouse of principal operator | 1,838 | (X) | 1,803 | 35 |
| Female | 22,228 | 5,485 | 15,713 | 1,030 |
| Spouse of principal operator | 14,961 | (X) | 14,684 | 277 |
| Primary occupation: | | | | |
| Farming | 29,815 | 21,315 | 7,402 | 1,098 |
| Other | 38,925 | 23,756 | 13,592 | 1,577 |
| Place of residence: | | | | |
| On farm operated | 53,986 | 35,537 | 16,886 | 1,563 |
| Not on farm operated | 14,754 | 9,534 | 4,108 | 1,112 |
| Days worked off farm: | | | | |
| None | 26,821 | 18,308 | 7,543 | 970 |
| Any | 41,919 | 26,763 | 13,451 | 1,705 |
| 1 to 49 days | 4,163 | 2,492 | 1,459 | 212 |
| 50 to 99 days | 2,879 | 1,766 | 919 | 194 |
| 100 to 199 days | 5,848 | 3,648 | 1,973 | 227 |
| 200 days or more | 29,029 | 18,857 | 9,100 | 1,072 |
| Years on present farm: | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 2,974 | 1,550 | 1,092 | 332 |
| 3 or 4 years | 4,313 | 2,394 | 1,539 | 380 |
| 5 to 9 years | 11,386 | 6,724 | 4,040 | 622 |
| 10 years or more | 50,067 | 34,403 | 14,323 | 1,341 |
| Years operating any farm (see text): | | | | |
| 2 years or less | 2,258 | 1,068 | 888 | 302 |
| 3 or 4 years | 3,542 | 1,905 | 1,322 | 315 |
| 5 to 9 years | 9,990 | 5,763 | 3,635 | 592 |
| 10 years or more | 52,950 | 36,335 | 15,149 | 1,466 |
| Age group: | | | | |
| Under 25 years | 1,094 | 192 | 392 | 510 |
| 25 to 34 years | 4,636 | 2,401 | 1,741 | 494 |
| 35 to 44 years | 8,442 | 4,958 | 3,114 | 370 |
| 45 to 54 years | 15,866 | 9,786 | 5,612 | 468 |
| 55 to 64 years | 18,692 | 12,434 | 5,852 | 406 |
| 65 to 74 years | 13,776 | 10,205 | 3,305 | 266 |
| 75 years and over | 6,234 | 5,095 | 978 | 161 |
| Average age | 56.1 | 58.1 | 53.1 | 44.0 |
| Number of persons living in household | 131,395 | 112,110 | 14,958 | 4,327 |

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.